

3. Plants of Khao Yai National Park. Edited by Prof. Dr. Tem Smitinand. Friends of Khao Yai National Park Association. Pp. 73 plus illustrations. 1977.

This bilingual handbook under the editorship of Dr. Tem Smitinand, the Leader of the Natural History Section of the Siam Society, comprises two parts: (1) the vegetation of Khao Yai, and (2) some floristic elements of Khao Yai, with lovely coloured plates; both of which are contributed by knowledgeable personnel of the Royal Forest Department, Bangkok, Thailand. The two parts in general contain excellent descriptions and are very valuable for tropical ecologists and trained botanists, only that they have to spend more time visiting various interesting spots of the vast luxuriant area of the national park.

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4. A Field Guide to the Birds of South-East Asia. By Ben King, Martin Woodcock, and E. C. Dickinson. 1975. Collins, London. 480 pages. Illustrated by Martin Woodcock. 32 coloured plates, 32 black-and-white plates and 161 species illustrated in line drawings, 2 end maps. Hard cover. Stirling Pounds 4.50. Collins, St. James Place, London, U.K. This volume is a very good field guide designed to cover seven countries (Burma, Malaya, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos) as well as Hong Kong and Taiwan. Fully 1,227 species are described with 869 illustrated. This is the first time that a comprehensive work on the birds of the entire region has been attempted. Our thanks go to the authors and publisher. The format is that of a typical Collins field guide: pages of text interspersed every so often with illustrated plates,